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Re Application of:  
John Roberts  
  
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For: Method And Apparatus For  
Backing Off A Tubular  
Member From A Wellbore

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 29, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 29, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0393/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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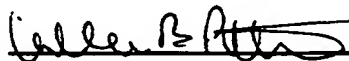
form at this time. It should be noted that Applicant has amended the independent claims (16 and 26) from which these claims depend.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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